



Streamlining Skills Assessments for the Construction Industry

The Australian Government is committed to supporting the housing construction industry by making it faster and easier for applicants in construction trades to get a skills assessment. TRA has consulted with industry representatives to streamline the skills assessments process for select occupations.

From 31 July 2024, TRA is removing the mandatory Offshore Skills Assessment Program (OSAP) assessment requirement for specified occupation/low-risk country of passport combinations for applicants with a relevant Australian or overseas qualification.

This initiative will allow qualified applicants to apply for the cheaper and simpler Migration Skills Assessment (MSA) (a TRA in-house assessment). Applicants who do not have a qualification can still opt-in for assessment through OSAP.

The table below specifies the occupations and country of passport combinations eligible for the streamlined assessment.

The occupations and countries of passport eligible for a streamlined assessment

Occupation	Eligible countries of passport
Bricklayer [331111]	China, Iran, Ireland, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, UAE, UK
Cabinetmaker [394111]	China, Iran, Ireland, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, UAE, UK
Carpenter [331212]	China, Iran, Ireland, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka UAE, UK
Carpenter and Joiner [331211]	China, Iran, Ireland, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, UAE, UK
Joiner [331213]	China, Iran, Ireland, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, UAE, UK
Welder (First Class) [322313]	Iran, Ireland, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, UAE, UK

In some Australian states and territories, a person requires a licence or registration to work in construction occupations. Applicants should consult with the relevant state or territory government department prior to submitting a skills assessment application to TRA to ensure the outcome will be suitable for occupational licensing or registration purposes.

Please check with the Department of Home Affairs (www.homeaffairs.gov.au) to confirm the skills assessment requirements for visa applications and the suitability of TRA as the correct assessing authority for any given occupation.

Further details can be found on the TRA website (www.tradesrecognitionaustralia.gov.au) for relevant Guidelines and program information.